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SUBJ: FALL-OUT FUNDS: REQUEST FOR SECOND FULBRIGHT
PROFESSOR FOR UNIVERSITY DAKAR

REF: (A) DAKAR 7010 (12/24/74)

(B) DAKAR A-4

1. EMBASSY WISHES REGISTER STRONG PLEA FOR USE OF DOLS
18,000 FALL-OUT FUNDS FOR SECOND FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR FOR
ACADEMIC YEAR 1975-76 AT FACULTY OF SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF
DAKAR. ALTHOUGH RATIONALE DESCRIBED REFS, BELIEVE FOLLOWING ALSO
SHOULD WEIGH IN DECISION: UNIVERSITY DAKAR NOW HAS ALMOST
7,000 STUDENTS OF WHICH OVER 2,000 COME FROM 46 FOREIGN
COUNTRIES (OVERWHELMING MAJORITY AFRICAN). IT CLEARLY
IMPORTANT REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SERVING
ENTIRE CONTINENT.

2. THE SPECIFIC FACULTY FOR WHICH WE HOPE GAIN ADDITIONAL
SLOT IS ONLY ONE HEADED BY SENEGALESE DEAN (FY-75 IV GRANTEE
SOULEYMANE NIANG). THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE (WHERE ONE-THIRD
OF STUDENTS ARE NON-SENEGALESE AFRICANS) IS NOT ONLY A
TEACHING BODY BUT HOUSES SEVERAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES WHERE
IMPORTANT WORK (IN SOLAR RADIATION, HEALTH AND FOOD PRODUCTION)
IS BEING CONDUCTED WHICH COULD BEAR IMPORTANT FRUIT FOR
DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. IT WOULD DOUBTLESS PROVIDE USEFUL
SETTING FOR MUTUALLY PROFITABLE EXCHANGES BETWEEN FULBRIGHT
PROFESSORS AND THEIR AFRICAN COLLEAGUES.

3. SCIENCE IS ONE FIELD WHERE FRENCH, WHO STILL HAVE MAJOR SAY IN
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RUNNING UNIVERSITY, RECOGNIZE AMERICAN PREEMINENCE. BY

REPLYING THIS URGENT REQUEST (SEE REF A) WE WILL NOT ONLY BE
MAKING IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO FACULTY WHERE GOS PLACES
GREATEST EMPHASIS, BUT HOPEFULLY, WILL BE LAYING
GROUNDWORK FOR FUTURE COOPERATION WITH OTHER FACULTIES.
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